purchasing leather from India following investigation by PETA that industry had engaged in "unlawful" slaughter and transport of animals; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken so that leather industry does not suffer and exports earning attributed to leather industry are not adversely affected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) and (b) Council for Leather Exports has brought to the notice of the Government that while companies like Timber Land have suspended their further procurement of shoes and leather products from India, some other companies have expressed their concern over the use of cow leather in the manufacture of shoes and other accessories.

Government have taken a number of steps including establishing of contacts with such multi-national organisations and addressing of issues raised by these organisations. The issue is not expected to have a perceptible adverse impact on the export of shoes and other accessories from India.

Industrial establishment in Meghalaya

938. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised for promotion and development of industrial sector in Meghalaya during the last three years;

(b) whether there are any project under consideration of Government for setting up of industrial establishment in Shillong and in other towns of the state under the new industrial policy during 2001-2002 and 2002-2003;

(c) if so, the project-wise details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) The

details of funds released during the last three years for promotion and development of Industrial Sector in Meghalaya under the Central Government Schemes are as under:

(*Rupees in crore*)

Sl. No.	Name of Scheme	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
1.	Export Promotion Industrial Parks	3.00	2.50	Nil
2.	Transport Subsidy Scheme	1.27	7.04	2.62
3.	Critical Infrastructure Balance Scheme	1.51	Nil	Nil
4.	Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana	0.39	0.32	0.48

Under the State Plan the expenditure is as under :

Sl. No.	Name of Scheme	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
5.	Village & Small Industries	1.98	2.28	1.95
6.	Industries other than V & SI	5.71	7.90	24.03
7.	Sericulture & Weaving	1.64	1.57	1.61
8.	Mining	1.00	1.31	1.23

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.